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SUBJECT: UN CHARTER REVIEW WORKING GROUP MEETING

REF: USUN 501

1. UN CHARTER REVIEW WORKING GROUP MET IN CLOSED SESSION MORNING OF FEBRUARY 23 AND DISCUSSED PARAS 66-75 OF THE SECT ANALYTICAL STUDY ON SC PROCEDURES AND PEACEKEEPING AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES. SPAIN BEGAN SESSION BY PROPOSING PERIODIC MEETINGS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL AND CHARTER AMENDMENT TO REFLECT SC PRACTICE OF REGARDING ABSTENTION AND NON-PARTICIPATION AS NON-NEGATIVE VOTES. UK ASKED WHY IT WAS NECESSARY TO MENTION IN THE CHARTER EVERY SC PRACTICE IN DAILY USE AND QUESTIONED UTILITY OF MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETINGS. PAKISTAN SAID QUESTION OF HOLDING MEETINGS AWAY FROM HDQTRS SHOULD BE LEFT TO SC. US INTERVENED TO URGE THAT NO ONE SUGGEST EXISTING PRACTISE REGARDING TREATING ABSTENTIONS AS CONCURRING VOTES BE REGARDED AS INCONSISTENT WITH EXISTING TEXT.

2. OPENING GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS ON PEACEKEEPING PARAS, US SAID THIS WAS AREA IN WHICH UN IS WEAKEST AND WHICH COULD BE IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY WITHOUT CHARTER REVISION. MEXICO SAID THAT SINCE MANY STATES WHICH HAVE ACHIEVED

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INDEPENDENCE SINCE 1960 FIND IT VERY HARD TO SUBMIT DISPUTES TO INTERNATIONAL JURIDICAL MACHINERY WHICH IS BASED ON PRE-1960 LAW, MEXICO IS PROPOSING THAT NEW ITEM BE ADDED TO AGENDA OF 32ND UNGA: COVENANT ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, WHICH COULD BE RATIFIED BY UN MEMBER STATES, OLD AND NEW. ROMANIA SUPPORTED MEXICO AND SUGGESTED THAT STANDING COMMITTEE OF GA BE FORMED AS FRAMEWORK IN WHICH

TO STUDY PRACTICAL WAYS AND MEANS FOR RESOLVING DISPUTES.

3. US COMMENTED THAT NEW STATES HAVE PARTICIPATED HEAVILY IN THE CODIFICATION CONVENTIONS OF THE 60'S AND 70'S AND YET THEIR SUPPORT FOR BINDING DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IS LESS THAN OVERWHELMING. US SUGGESTED EXAMINATION OF REASONS FOR THIS MIGHT BE USEFUL AND INDEED OF MORE IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE THAN EMBARKING ON NEW INSTRUMENTALITIES.

4. MEXICO REGRETTED THAT SUCH SERIOUS PROBLEMS AS THE SALT TALKS AND CIEC ARE TAKING PLACE OUTSIDE THE UN.  
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